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1. The planes flew up-stream along the Volga River. The first time he saw two planes, the second time four. Distance from planes about 500 meters, flying altitude estimated at about 200 to 300 meters (a red Soviet star under the wings could be seen clearly).
2. Description of planes (see sketch): The most characteristic feature was the fuselage: about in the middle it slanted steeply and the tail unit was on the extremity of the steep part. The nose was pointed. For wing and cockpit position, see sketch. Outside power units were not observed. The aircraft were painted bluish grey. There was a red Soviet star under the wings. The engine noise was a uniform "thundering". The noise was not that of conventional or turbine type planes. [] these sounds from his war experience). The wings were considerably swept back. They were attached in V-shaped arrangement.

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Comment:

The sketch is not made by an expert but is a generally correct representation of the modern type of Soviet jet fighters. The towering part of the fuselage is the slanting rudder unit on which, near the top, the elevator unit was fitted. This was an unusual sight to source. As this swept-back type is fitted with a turbo-jet power unit three times as powerful as the war types known to source, the thundering is explained. The repeatedly given description of the towering tail of the fuselage of the airplane observed aloft offers certain possibilities of comparison without, however, enabling one to determine the type. To all appearance such types were tested in Stakhanov in early 1949.

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1 Annex: Observation of Aircraft in Otyazhnoye.

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